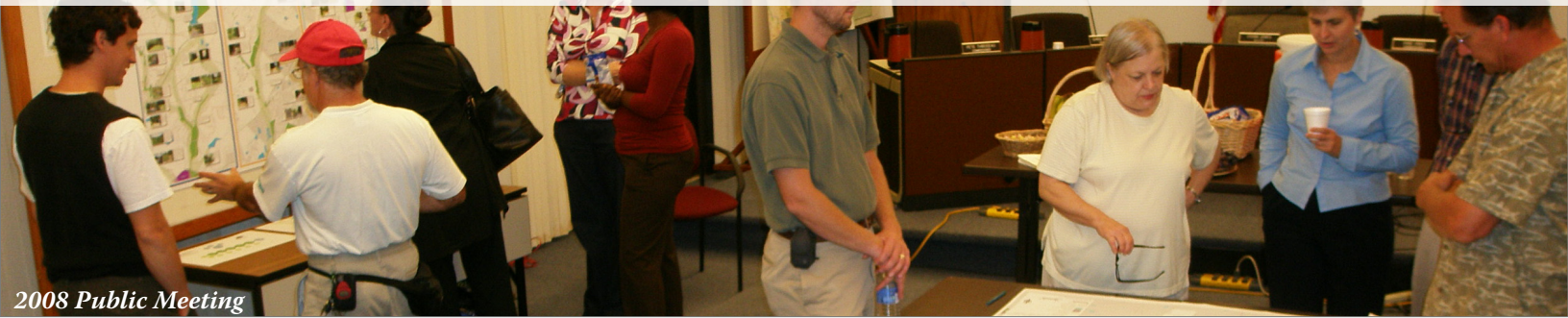


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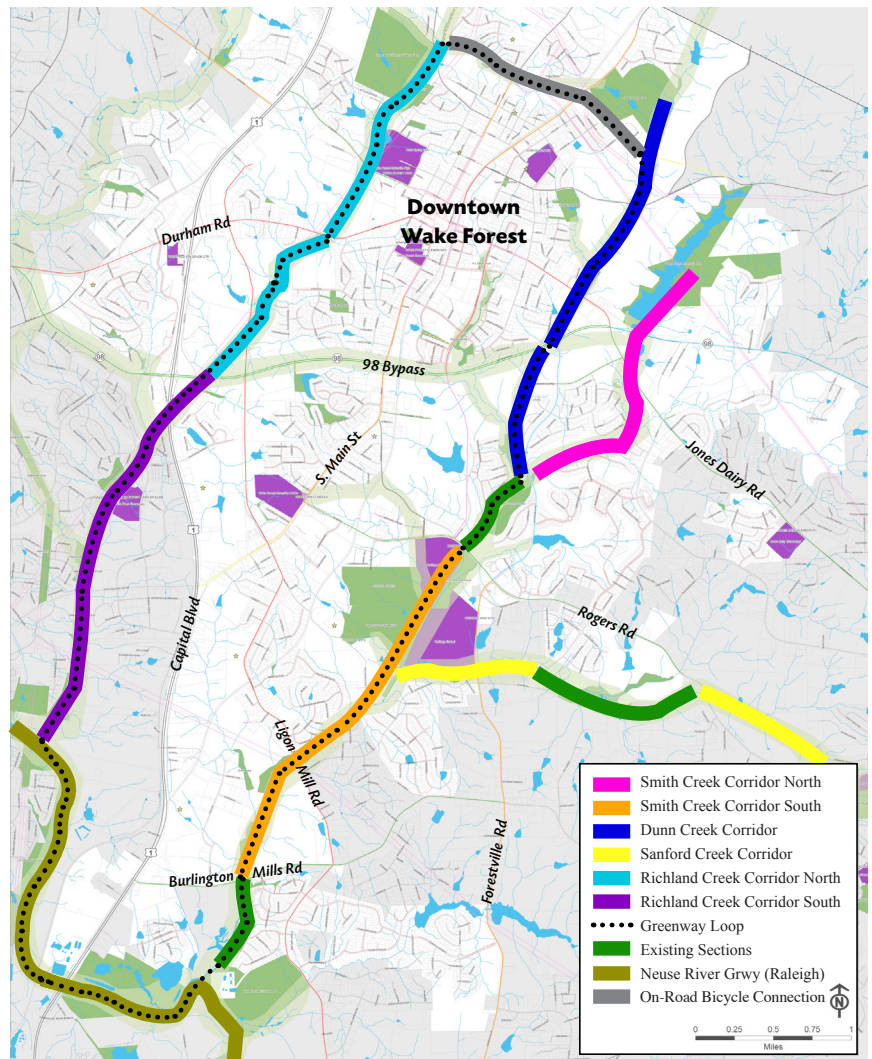


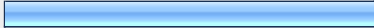

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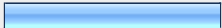
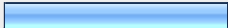


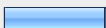

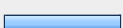
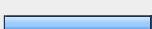
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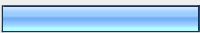
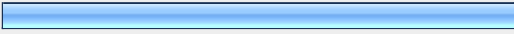
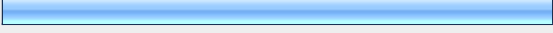
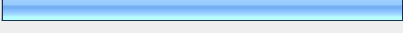

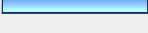
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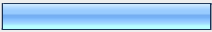


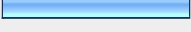
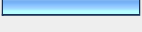
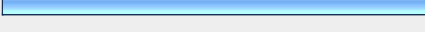
More than 150 people filled out comment forms for this 2009 Plan Update, which helped project planners identify where people most often use trails in Wake Forest, their preferences related to the trail system, and their priorities for future trail projects. The answers have been tabulated and are shown in the tables the following pages. The responses to the open-ended question have been listed verbatim. Below is the map that was used for certain questions on the comment form.



1. Do you know where greenway trails are located in Wake Forest (such as Sanford Creek at Heritage South or the Olde Mill Stream/Richland Creek Greenway)?			
			Response Count
			Response Percent
Yes		54.2%	84
No		45.8%	71
answered question			155
skipped question			1

2. If so, which trails do you use most often?			
			Response Count
			Response Percent
Sanford Creek at Heritage South		31.5%	28
Smith Creek at Smith Creek Soccer Center		32.6%	29
Smith Creek at Burlington Mills Road		21.3%	19
Miller Park Greenway		9.0%	8
Flaherty Park section		14.6%	13
Tyler Run Park section		18.0%	16
Kiwanis Park section		16.9%	15
Olde Mill Stream/Richland Creek Greenway		21.3%	19
answered question			89
skipped question			67

3. Which benefit of greenways and open space is most appealing to you? (please select top three)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Creating Value and Generating Economic Activity		28.8%	44
Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation		75.2%	115
Improving Health through Active Living		81.0%	124
Clear Skies, Clean Rivers, and Protected Wildlife		58.8%	90
Protecting People and Property from Flood Damage		7.2%	11
Enhancing Cultural Awareness and Community Identity		20.9%	32
	answered question		153
	skipped question		3

4. What related improvements/programs do you consider priorities? (please select up to three options)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
More organized events for walking and biking		30.5%	46
Safer routes to school for pedestrians and cyclists		56.3%	85
Town-wide bicycle and greenway wayfinding signs		74.2%	112
Interpretive trail signs for local natural environments		27.2%	41
Interpretive trail signs for local culture/history		19.9%	30
Trail maintenance		62.3%	94
	answered question		151
	skipped question		5

5. Other related improvements/programs you consider priorities?

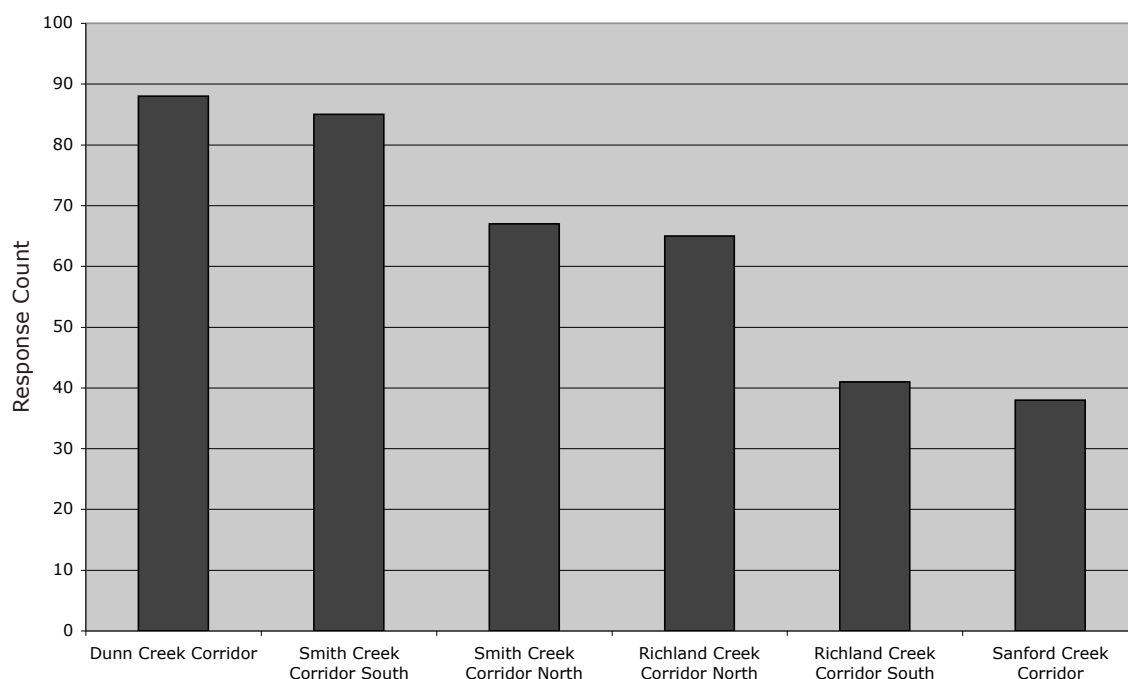
#	Response Text
1	Access to greenways; Linking trails and sidewalks to commercial and educational centers to residences
2	Open up more trails on future greenways now, even if only dirt / relatively unimproved, so we can get longer sections open to the public
3	Open space around trails. Fitness training structures, such as chin-up bars, along path.
4	Singletrack mountain biking trails; Connection to Raleigh Greenways for bicycle commuting into Raleigh
5	Sidewalks and bicycle lanes to and from main downtown corridors to meet up with greenway connections. Example: Wait Ave between Jones Dairy (reservoir/Smith Creek Corridor North) and downtown. Hwy 98 between Richland Creek North Greenway and downtown. Main Street from 98 Bypass to downtown and north of downtown to meet with the greenway loop and on road bicycle connection. ; Some of this sidewalk work is already done and just needs extensions, repairs.
6	Need links from Heritage Greens/Meadows to Dunn Creek Greenway.
7	Doing a great job. Maybe seek to incorporate more water features/hardscapes, i.e. stone bridges. Seek a natural environment that will maintain and even increase its charm decades from now.
8	Building sidewalks to connect communities to the greenways.
9	Connections for distance!!!
10	SIDEWALKS!!! It is mind-boggling to me how difficult it is for children who live across the street from their school cannot walk safely because they have to navigate a tiny shoulder with 35-45 mi/hr traffic whizzing past. (In Heritage).
11	Protect open space, use school grounds for recreational as possible.
12	Neuse River Trail connection
13	Please allow horseback riding on the greenways.
14	My interest is primarily practical -- I would love to never use a car for day-to-day activities. I live up off North Main and bike to work on South Allen every day. I would love to be able to walk or bike to the store, restaurants, church, etc. with my family. "Walkability" is one of my greatest desires for Wake Forest. (I know "walkability" must be addressed from a number of angles, not just greenways, but that is my primary interest in greenways.) To that end, wider paths and quicker access to desired locations is most important to me.
15	Benchs for the elderly so that they can walk but rest when needed.
16	All new roads being built in Wake Forest that are heavily trafficked should have bike lanes to make general transportation around the town by bike possible. For example, I took my daughter for a bike ride and we were going to check out the Smith Creek trail at the Smith Creek soccer center. We headed down Rogers Rd and came to the railroad crossing there where it's just two lanes with no shoulder at all. We waited there for several minutes for a break in traffic to cross the tracks and finally just took our chances. There's no sidewalk there either. Point is because of things like this I don't feel safe biking with my kids in this town and shouldn't have to load up my car to drive to greenways to do some biking with them. I barely feel safe enough to bike by myself without my kids on some of the roads around here to be honest and I've ridden across Iowa on a bike several times. I hope you are able to make this town more biker friendly.... good luck!
17	Connectivity is Key. Whoever said these trails have to be 10+ feet wide and paved asphalt? Can't we have something intermediary in cost? Not everything has to be funded through the government. I bet a lot of companies would love to sponsor sections of the trail to enhance their community image. Don't forget about all the civic groups too.
18	Mileage signs for runners
19	wider lanes for cyclists on major roads
20	Blockage and signage on the greenways to keep motorized vehicles off in order to protect the safety of pedestrians, animals, wildlife, etc.
21	Get the business increase in Downtown Town WF...more restaurants....places for families to go and eat.
22	A map of the greenways currently open. Could also include proposed trails.
23	I've not used the trails because I'm uncertain of their safety. It is my impression they're in the wooded areas and not monitored.
24	Need more information about where the trails are located. This is the first time I've ever seen the full map of all the greenways.

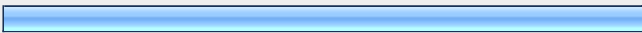

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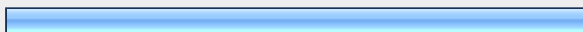

25	I would greatly appreciate trails that allow equestrian access. As the town encroaches on previous farmland, open space to ride my horse has dwindled.
26	trail/greenway clean-ups, educational tours/hikes, adopt a trail/greenway financial donation programs
27	Enforce pedestrian safety with motorists. The majority of motorists in Wake Forest will run you over if they think you're in their way, whether you're in a cross-walk or have a walk signal.
28	Improved Walkability around town.
29	Connection to Raleigh Greenways and other greenways to promote cycling from town to town across the state.
30	Some of the trails seem washed out... need to make sure they are clean for walkers as run off makes it difficult to 'jump across' to continue on the path.
31	playgrounds; kid's water/sprinkler park; more dog parks; improving and updating the town pool
32	I moved to Wake Forest over two years ago and I don't know anything about the greenways. Consider a connection to users through home sales ...
33	We need safe bike routes for families and cyclist. Now Wake Forest has 0.5 mile trails with rocks at the bottom of the hills. The trails are not big enough for bikes and walkers. The trails are not safe for children also. Wake Forest needs long bike trails at least a 10 mile loop for people who would like to exercise and for families. Right now the trails have too many curves. They need to be straight with out big boulders at the bottom of the hills. Please take a 5 year old child to all the trails on a bike and see the danger of the current trails. Please build straight, wide, without big rocks at the bottom of the hills. I am also looking for the trails to be built as soon as possible. My oldest child is 8 years old and I don't want to wait until she is in high school before I take her on a safe biking trail. The American Tobacco Trail by Jordan Lake is a good reference for what is needed in Wake Forest. The ATT is too far away to go often with high gas prices so something in Wake forest would be great.
34	I'm interested in knowing the timeline for completion of these various trails. Please email me at bhaines@nc.rr.com
35	side walks connecting neighborhoods to greenways
36	how about we try to improve the traffic conditions in wake forest first! Main street, especially the intersection with Capital Blvd. When the Rex Center is completed it will even be worse. Wake Forest, has high taxes and it seems that the town is taking our hard earned money and focusing it projects that don't benefit the majority of it's residents. EVERYONE complains about the traffic, very few in comparison would use a bike trail. Also, the bus service is utilized by very few. I am out and about all day everyday, and I see these buses driving around EMPTY or with one person on it. Sometimes I will see the buses just parked at a bus stop. Maybe it's ahead of schedule b/c it hasn't had ridership and it's just idling it's engine wasting time. In these economic times, our town needs to be fiscally conservative, we don't know what lies ahead. How about focusing on the needs of out town, not the extras that benefit a few. By the way I would love to know what this bus service is costing us a year and I hope WF realizes that you are not benefiting many. How about education? I will stop there, but I'm
37	Finish the Smith Creek/Burlington Mills trail already.... I used to ride it 5 years ago when I first moved here, and now you can't ride it. Plus keep the ATV's off the trail!
38	Work on getting the loop open. Work on hooking up with the Neuse River Trails.
39	A sidewalk should be built on stadium drive to connect the all the houses on the capital blvd. side of the bridge to downtown wake forest. Running / walking on the side of the road with no sidewalks is unsafe, but people do it all the time. Especially those walking to/from the seminary.
40	Complete a unified long trail off of roadways for safe passage of bikes and pedestrians.
41	Create more greenways
42	I use the Kiwanis trail to walk to school, on hot days it is nice and cool on that trail. I am disappointed in how much of wooded area was cleared near the library, now there is too much sunshine coming in to keep it as cool as it once was.
43	More connections between the trails are needed ...the trail we take our children to, by the public library, is great but a five minute walk. We would like Wake Forest to be a place that is easy and fun to get around on foot or bicycle. Also, the sidewalks in Wake Forest are awful...try walking around Wake Forest with a double stroller. If you want more activity in the town of Wake Forest try to consider all of the families in the area. Thank you for putting out this survey...Wake Forest is a great place to live.

5. Other related improvements/programs you consider priorities? (continued)

- 44** Completing and linking sidewalks. It seems Wake Forest has many sidewalks that do not logically fit together (Heritage Lake Road, for example). How can a child (or adult resident) walk or ride a bike on such sidewalks, if the pavement ends in random places with no logical continuation? In short, sidewalks should not just be visually appealing; they should be functional as well.
- 45** Connectivity to community facilities, i.e, parks, library, businesses
- 46** Expansion of trail system
- 47** There are no greenways for the West side of Capital Boulevard. These would absolutely be a priority for me. The existing and proposed areas are fine, but limited to the population reach. Additionally if a resident from the West side of town wished to reach these greenways, there are no SAFE ways to do so either on foot or by bicycle due to the nature of the existing roadways (ie. very busy with vehicular traffic, no sidewalks, bikelanes provided. thinking of Purnell, Jenkins, Thompson Mill etc)
- 48** Cleanup the streams and rivers days to coincide with national "clean sweeps" and river cleanup days. Public education about the importance of keeping streams and creeks healthy.
- 49** parking at trailhead, extend existing trails
- 50** Security and Safety- pathways using solar at night; Location- construct in a way that these areas are public and don't become dangerous hang outs; Community Use...Make them a VITAL part of the community...a selling factor....ease of use.... easy to find....Our children, old folks and people my age, would enjoy walking to work, school or riding a bike. This type of access is so integral to our health, the community's value....people want to buy into neighborhoods like this...
- 51** Athletic fields, specifacally baseball fields for all ages.
- 52** wide, safe, designated bike lanes.
- 53** If any of these Greenway are completed anytime soon in would be imperative to me that an connector and access greenway be place in two areas. 1. A connector to the Raleigh greenway system. 2. An access greenway to the North western side of Wake Forest specifically at or near the Purnell road and Bud Smith road Intersection. The sooner these are built the sooner people will start to ride or walk to downtown Wake Forest for dinner and other activities.
- 54** Sidewalks and greenway trails that connect downtown and surrounding areas is my absolute priority!
- 55** Bike path to downtown Raleigh

6. Which proposed section of greenway should be considered the #1, #2, and #3 priority for completion? (please refer to the Comment Form Map and select only three)

7. If grants or development do not become available in the next 5 years to build additional greenways, should the Town of Wake Forest look for ways to fund greenways?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		94.1%	143
No		5.9%	9
answered question			152
skipped question			4

8. Specifically, would you support a bond fund to complete the Wake Forest Greenway Loop, if one were proposed? (please refer to the Comment Form Map)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		85.3%	128
No		14.7%	22
answered question			150
skipped question			6

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- About half of the respondents knew where trails were located in Wake Forest and the number one program recommended by the public was a wayfinding system; hence, a wayfinding system is recommended as a Phase One Action Step.
- Responses from questions three and five indicate that a good program focus for the Town of Wake Forest should be on health and active living through bicycle and pedestrian transportation.
- Priority preferences for Dunn Creek Corridor and Smith Creek Corridor are reflected in the implementation chapter, which outlines these corridors as Phase One priorities.
- Responses from questions seven and eight indicate support for local funding of trails. Even though this was not a statistically valid survey, the strong show of support among those responding to this question warrants consideration of a bond fund.

